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Attn: Mr. Anthony Roberts: (48007-51776231@requests.muckrock.com)

This is in response to your January 25, 2018, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), seeking emails sent and received by Cara Welch that mention "The Natural Products Association" between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2017.

The attached document contains responsive records to your request. I have determined that portions of the document are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6) of the FOIA 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended and delineated below:

- Exemption (b)(5) protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ...in litigation with the agency."
- Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

This completes CFSAN's processing of your request and considers this request closed. While we believe in the adequacy of our release determination and the search of appropriate files in CFSAN, you have the right to appeal this determination. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of this response, to: Agency Chief FOIA Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Room 729H, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201; e-mail FOIARequest@PSC.hhs.gov. Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter or e-mail "**FDA** Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response **before** filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, please contact Adriane Paris at 301-348-1976 or adriane.paris@fda.hhs.gov. You may also contact the FDA FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at: Office of the Executive Secretariat, US Food & Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1050, Rockville, MD 20857, E-

mail: FDAFOIA@fda.hhs.gov.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov.

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We apologize for the delay. Your patience and consideration is appreciated.

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